GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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FOREIGN INTRUSION IN INDIAN E.E.Z.
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an increase in the incidents of intrusion in Indian maritime zone adjoining Andaman and Nicobar islands during the current year;

(b) if so, the number thereof;

(c) whether arms and ammunition have been seized from the foreign boats and intruders in the said zone;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of the intruders arrested and arms and ammunition seized from them during the last one year;

(f) whether there has been an increase in activities of anti-social elements on the deserted islands of Andaman and Nicobar Islands; and
(g) if so, the action being taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): There has been an increase in the incidents of intrusion in Indian Maritime Zone adjoining Andaman and Nicobar Islands as is evident from the following figures of apprehension of foreign vessels:-

YEARS	1999	2000	2001 (upto 8.3.2001)
Navy	40	28	NIL
Coast Guard	43	83	32

(c) & (d): There has been no seizure of arms and ammunition from the vessels/foreigners apprehended by Navy and Coast Guard.

(e) The number of intruders arrested by Navy and Coast Guard during the last one year is as under:-

Navy	342
Coast Guard	696

(f) & (g): Andaman and Nicobar Administration has informed that no activities of anti-social elements on deserted islands have been noticed.